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Plastic Industry
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of annual production and demand of plastic in the country;
(b) Whether the Government proposes to set up a world-scale ethylene complex to meet the rising demend for plastics;
(c) If so, the details thereof and the location identified therefor and the capacity thereof;
(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
(e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)
(a) The production and estimated consumption of plastics during 2013-14 is reported to be around 69.97 lakh MT and 91.12 lakh MT in the country.

(b) & (c) The Government has no proposal to set up a new world class ethylene complex in the country to meet the rising demand of the plastics. However, the Assam Gas Cracker Project (AGCP), approved by the Government in 2006, is being implementated by M/s Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited at Lepetkata, District Dibrugharh in Assam to produce polymers [Linear Low Density Poly Ethylene (LLDPE)/ High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) & Poly Propylene (PP)]. The complex will have a capacity of 220000 tonne per annum (TPA) of Polyethylene and 60000 tonne per annum (TPA) of Polypropylene.

(d) The approved cost of the project is Rs. 8920 crore, out of which capital subsidy of Rs. 4690 crore has been provided by the Government.

(e) Not applicable in view of the above.